

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

To Patrons of the Avant Courier. One more issue of the COURIER completing the first quarter of its publication. Upon starting the paper, the terms of subscription were placed at \$6.00 per year (two dollars less than is charged for any other paper in the Territory)—provided the money was paid within the first quarter; otherwise, \$8.00. But few of our subscribers have as yet availed themselves of this excellent opportunity to save two dollars by paying us; consequently those who subscribe for No. 1 will miss the chance unless they do so before the second issue after this. Our short terms are \$3.00 for six months, in advance, otherwise \$4.00; and \$2.00 for three months, IN ADVANCE. We hope our six months subscribers, who have been receiving the paper will bear in mind that the amount due is \$4.00, and is so charged when the money is not paid in advance. Part of a distance wishing to pay up before the expiration of the present quarter can hand the money to their nearest Postmaster. We offer our subscribers a good thing; if they do not choose to accept it, we will let the time pass, it is their own fault. We shall strictly adhere to our rules, without any discrimination. All bills for advertising, job work, etc., will be made out at the end of this quarter—December 15th.

**AVANT COURIER.**

THOMAS BAKER, Traveling Agent and Correspondent. THURSDAY, - - - NOVEMBER 30, 1871.

**Local News.**

Mr. Galen, proprietor of the stage line, came in yesterday. GALLATIN correspondence too late for this issue. A LARGE mail came in yesterday, the accumulation of the past week, which was blocked somewhere on the road. The storm just passed was undoubtedly the severest experienced in Montana since its settlement.

When you visit the Capital, buy your Cigars and Tobacco at G. B. BARBER'S—the best brands.

THANKSGIVING.—Divine service will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, November 30th, at 10:15 o'clock a. m. Rev. Bird and Rev. Alderson will conduct the services. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

If you want a neat set of Jet or Shell Jewelry, give Lizkie and Mrs. Crissman a call.

G. M. LEVY has removed his fruit and tobacco store to the place formerly occupied as a tailor shop, Main street, next door to Tom Carter's saloon.

Final Notice. All persons indebted to the undersigned are notified that if they do not come forward and settle within thirty days, their accounts will be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection. H. N. BLACK, Bozeman, Nov. 28, 1871.

The genial sunshine has brought the people out. During the cold spell our streets looked forsaken, but now everything indicates life and activity.

HEATS! HEATS! HEATS!!! For the latest styles of Ladies' Hats, call at the new Millinery Store of Mrs. CRISSMAN & LIZZIE McCLABAN.

IRREGULARITY OF THE STAGE.—On account of the recent severe weather, and the drifting snow, the stage has been very irregular. Since Friday we have had but one coach. The stage driver came in to Shed's on Sunday morning from Helena pretty badly frozen.

Notice. All persons indebted to J. F. McDonald are requested to come forward and settle. His accounts are in the hands of Wm. H. Randall, with whom settlement will be made.

Arrived.—Rev. Mr. Blackwell, of the M. E. Church South, assigned to this field for service, and who was reported very ill recently in Corinne, arrived in this place yesterday.

For a Good CLOCK Go to JOHNSON'S.

Returned.—Mr. Elisha Rouse, of this place, who went to Corinne some six weeks since to meet some relatives, returned on Saturday last, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Randall, and the family of the latter.

Take Notice. I have lost a note, given to GUY & GRAY by CROWELL & SONS, for eighty-five dollars, dated October 1st, 1870, and hereby waive all persons not to negotiate for the same, as it belongs to me. Nov. 30, 1871. T. B. CLAY.

Removed.—Col. L. M. Black has made quite an addition to his handsome residence, which he has fitted up in an elegant manner as an office. He will hereafter be found there, instead of at the old office adjoining his warehouse.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS. Just received, and for sale cheap, a new and full assortment of Millinery Goods, at Mrs. CRISSMAN & LIZZIE McCLABAN'S.

The BELLS.—Since the cold spell let up, the air has been melodious with the merry jingle of sleigh bells. Plenty of snow, a bracing air and genial sunshine make sleighing agreeable and healthy. We have noticed some magnificent turnouts. Col. Black's magnificent trotters out the air like a flying balloon.

Money Advanced to Pre-Emptors. Those desirous of purchasing from Government their pre-emption claims, in order to avail themselves of the Homestead Act, who have not the means to do so, will learn the conditions on which money will be advanced for that purpose by calling at H. N. MAGUIRE'S, BOZEMAN LAND AGENCY.

The AVANT COURIER.—We acknowledge a call from Mr. Thomas Baker, who is canvassing for that excellent weekly paper, the AVANT COURIER, published in the flourishing enterprise of Eastern Montana—Bozeman. The COURIER has only been established a few months, but it has already made an excellent reputation as a sensible, well conducted and readable journal. We hope that Mr. Baker may receive such liberal assistance from our citizens as the excellent journal he represents so well deserves.—Gazette.

Just Received. A large invoice of fine cigars, consisting of the following brands: Esoula, Maravillar, Progress, Integrad, Realidad, El Gusto, Diamond Crown, Silver Eagle, etc.

Which we offer at very low prices. Buyers will find it to their advantage to give us a call. S. L. HOLZMAN & BRO.

**ARRIVAL OF THE N. P. R. SURVEYING PARTY.**

Terrible Suffering—Forty Soldiers and One Citizen Severely Frozen.

We received a call yesterday morning from Mr. G. D. Chenoweth, Assistant Engineer of the N. P. R. R. party on the Yellowstone, who arrived in this place on Tuesday evening, having left Mr. Muhlenburg and the balance of the Surveying party at the Crow Agency, Capt. Ball and the escort also returned to Fort Ellis Tuesday evening. Mr. Chenoweth reports terrible suffering among the whole party by cold. They had broken camp and were on the march when the severe snow storm of Friday came upon them in all of its fury, the blinding snow coming in a hurricane, drifting to the depth of many feet in their line of march, and the party getting scattered, the greatest suffering prevailed. Twenty-three soldiers were frozen badly, and about forty altogether were more or less frozen. They would tumble off of their horses perfectly benumbed, and it required the greatest exertion of those not so badly affected to arouse them from the stupor that was fast coming on them. One man connected with the surveying party, having become detached from the main body, was out all night, and had his feet so badly frozen that amputation will probably be necessary. The Survey of Mr. Muhlenburg's party extended about one hundred and forty miles down the Yellowstone valley, and Mr. Chenoweth is highly pleased with the country, and is satisfied that the line surveyed on the north side of the river is the most practicable route that could be adopted, which brings the road directly through Bozeman Pass.

The party saw no hostile Indians on the trip, although fresh signs were visible every day. The Sioux were undoubtedly watching the movements of the surveyors every day. About one hundred and fifty lodges of Sioux were ascertained by the party as being camped on the Big Horn. The snows were with the surveying party a portion of the time, making several sorties, capturing stock from the Sioux, which showed them to be in close proximity to the party. Some of the stock belonging to the outfit perished from cold and hunger.

**FRESH OYSTERS!**

RECEIVED BY EVERY COACH, AT S. HOLZMAN & BRO'S.

THANKSGIVING.—This day has been recommended by the President and set apart by our Territorial Executive as a day of Thanksgiving to an All-wise Providence for the many blessings we have enjoyed as a people during the year about to close. We of Montana have great cause to rejoice; the year has been fraught with success in all of our industrial pursuits; the mines have produced, through a sufficiency of water in most camps, an abundant yield, and our agricultural products have been beyond the hopes of all; our stock have multiplied and increased, and disasters of every nature have been withheld from us. The health of our Territory is exceedingly good, and everything indicates a prosperous future. Let us, then, in conformity with the following proclamation of our excellent Governor, unite in general thanksgiving:

**A PROCLAMATION.**

The year that is nearing its close has been filled with blessings of health, peace and plenty. While our Divine Master in His wisdom, has deemed it just to severely chastise certain sections of our common country, He has pleased not to lay His chastising hand upon this people. He has lifted His all protecting hand and stayed the progress of pestilence ere it reached our borders. Our fields and herds have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Our population has steadily increased and prospered. The searchers after precious metals have received their merited reward. The iron arms of a trans-continental railroad will soon clasp our mountains and connect our Territory with the two oceans. Churches and schools have multiplied and the moral sentiment of the people improved. These blessings are the gift of the Most High God who has remembered us in great mercy. It seems to me but proper that these gifts should be reverently and gratefully acknowledged.

I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the Territory to set apart and religiously observe

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th NEXT, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to our beneficent Father for His many gifts vouchsafed to us during the year about to close, and invoke a continuance of His favor and blessings.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed. Done at Virginia City, Montana Territory, this, the Second day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety-sixth. B. F. POTTS.

By the Governor: JAS. E. CALLAWAY, Secretary.

THE STORM.—The fearful snow storm, which extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic, commenced here on Friday evening last and continued three days; during which time it was almost impossible for one to go out doors. The thermometer has ranged from zero to 31 degrees below. Snow fell to the depth of about eighteen inches on the valley, but was drifted by the wind from four to eight feet in some places. Quite a number of persons were badly frost-bitten. Stock has necessarily suffered, but to what extent we are not advised. Large herds, belonging to persons in this valley, were driven to the Yellowstone before the storm set in. We are now having pleasant, sunny weather, with cold nights and mornings.

ON WITH THE DANCE.—The ball given on Thursday night last, under the auspices of the "Bozeman Social Dancing Club," was the most magnificent affair of the kind that has ever taken place in Bozeman. Some thirty-five couples were on the floor, and white old Boreas reigned without, Terpsichore with all her enchanting and delightful graces, reigned within. The social circle of Bozeman is rapidly extending its limits, by the addition of many charming new faces, who not only grace our ball rooms and drawing rooms, but constitute the element of society upon the basis of which we become elevated and strengthened. The Social Club is an institution, and one which we hope to see kept up. When the dancing season is spent, new and attractive amusements will present themselves. We presume the regular weekly ball will take place at Odell & Chapman's Hall this evening. Sleighs will be in attendance for those desiring them.

**Bozeman Wholesale Market.**

COLLECTED WEEKLY BY A. LAMME & CO.

Owing to the very bad condition of the roads, produce has not arrived as freely as it would otherwise have done; but notwithstanding farmers have been crowding their wheat to the different Mills, and are putting considerable flour on the market, which is sold at our quotation.

In other kinds of produce there is not much doing. Groceries about the same as our last quotation with increased sales for winter supply.

The following quotations are based upon actual sales at currency rates: The retail prices range ten to twenty per cent higher:

Table with columns for Flour, Coffee, Tea, Soap, and various other goods with their respective prices.

**FRUIT! FRUIT! FRUIT!**

We are receiving now our FALL and WINTER APPLES, consisting of about ONE THOUSAND BOXES, and comprising all the different varieties, which we will sell at reasonable rates at WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

We still continue to keep the best assortment of PURE CONFECTIONERY.

Also all the BEST BRANDS OF PLUG and SMOKING TOBACCO, IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CIGARS, HOLZMAN BROS., HELENA and BOZEMAN.

**LETTER FROM HOT SPRINGS.**

LOWER HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT, MADISON COUNTY, M. T., November 21st, 1871.

To the Editor of the Avant Courier: While Bozeman is the general theme of interest, perhaps an item from our present isolated, though not quite deserted region, will be acceptable. There are two distinct gold bearing quartz belts running through and forming the Hot Springs District.

Some years ago a certain eminent Professor, whose theories were thought to be true, in "those days," remarked: "Prospectors need look for no gold bearing quartz east of the Basaltic formation, thrown up in the Geological Appalachian Period." (situate on the east edge of the west belt.) Since the foregoing remark a few energetic prospectors have demonstrated that the "wise man of the East" was mistaken. As a result the eastern, or lower belt, was discovered; and many tons of rich ore have been taken therefrom.

The future will demonstrate how numerous these rich gold bearing quartz lodes are. At the present time Messrs. Lounds & Mallory, owners of the Red Bluff lode, have some seventy-five tons of ore on the dump, and at the depth of 100 feet have from two to six feet of quartz in the stopes. The yield from quartz already manipulated has ranged from \$30 to \$50 per ton.

Messrs. Baldwin & Dorr, after running an open cut fifty feet on the Appalachian lode, which shows from sixteen to thirty inches of good quartz all the way (the crevice being five feet in width) are now sinking a shaft four by six feet in the clear. The ore yields from \$30 to \$50 per ton.

Mr. Bradley is now developing the Bradley lode. At a distance of forty feet from the surface a vein from sixteen to eighteen inches in width of very rich quartz shows. The crevice is several feet wide.

As darkness precedes light, even thus the prosperity of this camp is foreshadowed by its past lethargy, and those in whom faith and work are abundant shall yet reap their reward, their purses plenteous with riches, and the development of the rich mines in this district be an accomplished fact.

Respectfully yours, PROSPECTOR.

For Sale. Two hundred head of Thoroughbred American Cattle—Cows, Heifers and Bulls. SWETT & McPHERSON, Bozeman, M. T.

GOLD DISCOVERIES.—The Newnan, Georgia Herald, of the 18th, has a communication from Grantsville about the gold mines and the gold fever which, not long since, were all the rage in that vicinity. It says that for a time speculation ran high, and money, in largesums, was invested, machinery erected, pits sunk and an immense amount of muscle expended—digging, sweating, sifting, racking, drying—but now the bubble has burst.

The negroes have gone back to their cotton patches; bankrupts hunting for nuggets, have departed disconsolate, and the great iron hammers are as still as the rocks in the ground they were erected to beat to powder.

NEW GOLD FIELDS.—It seems that the gold fields of California are inexhaustible. New and rich discoveries are constantly being made, and California is destined to wear her rich title of the Golden State for an indefinite period. Dispatches from San Diego, of the 15th, say that reports from the San Rafael mines say that new and rich quartz leads have been discovered. Prospecting parties are leaving daily.

A letter received from Governor Sanford, of Arizona, states that one mine has been discovered in the Pinal Mountains, the ore of which assayed \$10,000 per ton.

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BORN.—On Sunday night, November 25th 1871, to the wife of Walter Cooper, of this place, a bouncing boy, which we hope will prove but few corrections, and attain manhood with as few mistakes and as free from sins as his worthy progenitor.

AUCTION SALE. ON SUNDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 3rd, commencing at eleven o'clock a. m., of

Horses, Wagons, Harness, Clothing, Notions and other goods too numerous to mention. GREAT BARGAINS will be offered. C. L. CLARKE, Auctioneer.

**GALLATIN CITY.**

G. H. CAMPBELL, General Country Dealer.

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, Ready-made Clothing, Hats, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

Stock of General Merchandise which is offered to the people of the valley at reasonable figures.

JAMES H. GALLOP, M. L. SPEAR, Gallatin City, M. T., DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Farmers' Supplies, Etc. The highest price paid for ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE.

The above firm have lately graded a fine store building at Gallatin City, and have it well fitted with goods, and intend keeping a full stock always on hand.

They will give the Produce Market the respectful attention and the farmers of Gallatin and Willow creek will have no cause to go farther than the Three Forks to supply themselves with

Groceries and Merchandise. M. L. SPEAR, Justice of the Peace for Gallatin City, has his office in the building, and is prepared to attend to all legal business in that line. 1-10

BEN. B. WELLS, T. WILLIAMS, WELLS & WILLIAMS, Boot and Shoe Makers.

GALLATIN CITY, M. T. Repairing of Saddlery, Harness, Boots and Shoes, at all times, with neatness and dispatch.

Madison Bridge House, A New Departure. JAMES T. SHED, Proprietor.

HOME STATION FOR THE BOZEMAN, VIRGINIA AND HELENA COACHES.

Situated at the crossing of the Madison and Being Elegantly Fitted Up. It affords Superior Accommodations to the Traveling Public.

The Bridge. And the roads leading to and from it are kept in good repair and traveling condition.

The Bar, Is always supplied with a good assortment of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, Etc. FRANK HARPER, BLACKSMITH, EAST MAIN STREET, Bozeman, Montana.

General Blacksmithing Done. OZEN, HORSES AND MULES SHOD. Prices low and patronage solicited. 1-1

BLACKSMITHING A. M. QUIVEY, HAVING leased the shop formerly occupied by J. B. Finch, is prepared to do

All kinds of Blacksmithing WITH NEATNESS & DISPATCH. Wagon Shop in connection. 1-6

**SPRING HILL.**

UNION FLOURING MILL!

A. PIERSTORF, Proprietor, SPRING HILL, Gallatin County, Montana.

The Brands of Union Mill Control the Territorial Markets.

The Best Millers Employed Good Roads Lead to the Mill.

Flour Ready when Promised. My Mill is always in operation, and Flour in any quantity desired can at all times be had. 1-11 ly

DEXTER & TOWLE, SPRING HILL, M. T., Manufacturers and Dealers in

Doors, Sash, Blinds, MOULDINGS, Floorings, Sidings, CASINGS, Etc.

All kinds of Dressed Lumber Constantly on hand. WE HAVE A Single and Double Planing Machine, AND THE BEST WATER POWER IN THE COUNTRY.

Every description of work in our line done in the best manner and at low rates.

THOMAS O. CRANE, Spring Hill, Gallatin Co., M. T. DOES ALL KINDS OF BLACKSMITHING

Horses Shod with Self-Sharpening Shoes. Of new and improved system, which gives universal satisfaction. Terms reasonable. Whoever patronizes me is sure to do so again. 1-2

FRIENDS! As this is a day of departure, we wish to call your attention to the new departure in Bozeman—and, judging you by ourselves, that the system which puts money in your pockets will meet your approbation—whereby those who do pay will not have to pay the merchants the losses they must sustain by trusting others; for all who do a credit business must lose a certain per cent., and that per cent. of loss, we think, will cover the per cent. which we expect to make. One thing all can observe through life, a man who is careful of expenses, sells his goods at low prices, and for cash, never fails, and this we intend to do. We will not open a book account with friend or foe, rich or poor, and all may distinctly understand it. We hope that no one will ask us for credit in any way, for they will surely get refused.

As the profits we intend to sell, no one can afford to charge goods, and as our means are limited, should we trust a dollar here and there in a short time we would have our money dollars, and of course would lose some, consequently would have to sell a little higher.

It is for CASH we sell, and we cordially invite the attention of all wishing to make CASH PURCHASES. A CASH STORE? Gallatin county has long been needed. It will stop many from going to Helena; will encourage people to come here, and will be the cause of every merchant here selling more goods.

We do not wish to trespass on the rights of any man, but of this you may be assured, we will sell our goods at such prices that no man can afford to charge them.

When you come to town please Observe the Sign: CASH STORE! Where it is no trouble to show goods, but we will take pleasure in showing them to you.

Respectfully yours, A. W. & C. E. TANNER. CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE

The undersigned have formed a co-partnership for the transaction of a general merchandise business at Fort Ellis, Montana Territory, using the name of E. J. McDonald, Post Traders and will continue the business at the old stand occupied by E. J. McDonald, and respectfully solicit the public patronage. WM. B. CUTLER, E. H. DANIELS, Fort Ellis, September 27, 1871.

**FORT ELLIS.**

WM. B. CUTLER, E. H. DANIELS

Cutter & Daniels, POST TRADERS, Fort Ellis, M. T.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CAN FRUITS, TOBACCO, PIPES, LIQUORS.

Other Articles too Numerous to Particularize. We will sell goods At the Very Lowest Figures, and invite the public to give us a call and examine our stock.

WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD BY CUTTER & DANIEL, Fort Ellis, M. T., Sept. 28, 1871.

P. W. McADOW & BRO., Proprietors of the OLD RELIABLE STANDARD, GALLATIN MILLS

BOZEMAN, MONTANA TERRITORY. Our brand of Flour always stands At the Head of the Market.

We have all the MODERN FACILITIES For making good Flour, and our mills are under the supervision of An Experienced Miller.

We have also in operation two splendid Steam Threshers, The best in the valley, which have Proved Highly Satisfactory. To those employing them, F. W. McADOW & BRO. DR. S. H. OSBORN, Druggist and Apothecary.

IN THE MASONIC BUILDING, Corner Main and Bozeman sts., BOZEMAN CITY, MONTANA DRUGS, Patent Medicines, PAINTS, OILS, Toile Articles, Notions, &c. In fact, everything usually kept in a well ordered DRUG STORE. PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED. Strawberry Plants! PERSONS DESIRING TO PROPAGATE STRAWBERRY PLANTS this fall should get them now. It is generally known that we furnished our market with the fine strawberries, last summer, so can be raised in any country. We will fill all orders at FIFTEEN CENTS PER PLANT, or \$10 PER HUNDRED. Persons at a distance may rely upon receiving plants in good condition. Send in your orders to GUY & GRAY, Bozeman, M. T.